

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the thorough review of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action. Applicants note the allowance of Claims 12-19 and the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 38-41, 44 and 45. To expedite prosecution of this application, the claims have been amended above to place this case in a form indicated as allowable.

The Objection to the Specification:

The specification is objected to for a typographical error at page 9, line 20. Office Action, p. 2. Applicants note that this typographical error, which was also noted in the parent application, was already corrected by the preliminary amendment filed concurrently with this divisional application. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

The Prior Art Rejections:

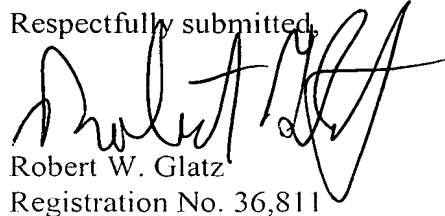
As noted above, the claims have been amended to place this case in a form indicated as allowable to expedite issuance of the present application as a patent. In particular, Objected to Claims 38 and 44 have been amended to independent form including recitations from claims on which they previously depended. Claims 35 and 37 have been canceled. The dependency of Claims 36 and 42 have been amended in light of the cancellation of Claims 35 and 37 and the amendments to Claims 38 and 44. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the prior art based rejections should be withdrawn as obviated.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, for the reasons discussed above, the references cited in the present rejections do not disclose or suggest the present invention as claimed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all the pending claims and passing this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

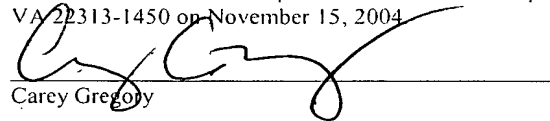


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